

DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA JANUARY 1979

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, e.g. Easter and Australia Day.

Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* (1304.0). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed in page 8.

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Symbols and other usages

- r — figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.a. — not available.
- n.y.a. — not yet available.
- — — (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures) break in continuity of series

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) load (b) '000 tonnes '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - December	5,329	6,367	20,257	28.9	6,715	7,231	18,488	21,672	594	578	413	423	29.4	34.5	201	218
January	4,721	7,062		22.6	6,544	7,289	17,243	21,822	669	654	278	412	13.1	38.5	88	181
February	6,704	6,541		31.7	6,420	7,262	18,284	22,028	603	651	421	435	34.7	35.3	195	213
March	6,101	7,000		33.7	7,098	7,423	20,226	22,174	675	651	423	423	37.2	35.3	202	198
April	6,596	6,561	19,257	28.8	6,866	7,315	20,903	22,514	573	617	421	412	33.0	34.4	164	182
May	8,249	6,953		32.2	7,676	7,275	23,768	22,514	706	670	432	411	39.0	32.6	166	162
June	6,116	5,510		36.1	8,070	7,355	26,323	22,761	694	731	408	403	34.8	32.6	203	198
1978-79 - July	6,167	5,826	21,692	35.2	8,555	7,484	28,038	23,063	628	633	397	373	38.1	37.5	230	225
August	6,998	7,490		40.6	8,386	7,461	26,776	22,145	551	548	438	423	31.0	27.6	236	201
September	6,910	6,842		36.7	7,553	7,370	22,886	21,231	593	586	477	458	37.3	33.9	280	250
October	7,884	6,963		35.6	7,398	7,397	22,622	21,724	660	617	436	411	40.8	35.6	150	220
November	8,437	7,342	n.y.a.	40.7	7,112	7,539	22,404	24,239	597	617	455	426	42.1	36.4	272	218
December	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	6,887	7,488	19,795	23,298	641	636	407	416	32.0	39.6	228	250
January	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	7,045	7,744	18,721	23,564	664	641	298	449	13.5	38.3	97	191

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (c)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (a)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receiv. of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receivables tonnes	% of total receivables by brokers (b)	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - December	2,856	3,220	496	567	8,911	218	242	212.4	605	419	49,175	73.0	19,316	19,295	19,673	19,692
January	1,257	3,154	295	571	3,826	223	253	213.8	478	387	26,687	76.4				
February	3,070	3,094	568	510	9,748	224	239	215.6	420	464	32,604	74.4				
March	3,125	2,946	648	563	9,802	247	246	217.1	372	450	38,432	68.8				
April	2,647	3,219	590	616	9,198	219	227	218.8	278	444	29,749	69.1				
May	3,165	2,936	569	514	10,454	256	235	220.0	236	445	29,591	68.8				
June	3,546	3,102	572	655	11,790	233	221	221.6	224	457	20,873	62.2				
1978-79 - July	3,992	3,899	592	631	10,989	224	219	223.3	295	461	28,849	71.1	20,110	20,036	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
August	3,762	3,388	596	636	10,747	240	230	224.3	447	471	72,992	76.1				
September	4,314	3,534	645	640	10,747	235	231	227.0	587	474	88,205	76.5				
October	3,898	3,581	795	727	12,223	259	243	229.7	751	482	107,519	78.0				
November	3,655	3,418	792	638	11,795	258	248	231.5	730	471	90,838	76.0				
December	2,777	3,111	615	715	8,738	208	239	233.6	673	469	52,535	72.7				
January	1,216	2,962	354	632	4,076	215	236	236.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (c) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b)		Export price index		Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m	
							All groups	All groups excl. wool				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports	Imports	1959-60=100				Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - December	1,000	1,030	758	830	2,531	1,964	209	233	2	-69	2,879	2,898
January	1,018	1,041	986	939			210	235	-326	220	2,861	2,927
February	957	1,016	854	915			212	236	-81	121	2,948	2,939
March	951	1,006	965	989			214	239	-363	730	3,262	3,265
April	1,013	1,028	897	963	2,444	2,026	215	240	-253	248	3,229	3,172
May	1,042	1,022	1,020	976			218	245	-315	276	3,182	3,139
June	1,126	1,048	988	999			222	249	-195	203	3,225	3,183
1978-79 - July	1,073	1,086	1,064	1,027	2,230	1,976	222	249	-327	313	3,293	3,238
August	1,032	993	1,135	1,033			226	254	-390	280	3,315	3,353
September	934	938	971	1,040			230	259	-318	237	3,274	3,300
October	1,134	1,146	1,195	1,153			232	261	-361	261	3,328	3,356
November	1,204	1,143	1,207	1,143	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	233	263	-217	284	3,226	3,250
December	1,088	1,145	1,024	1,148			238	269	-256	205	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
January	1,309	1,320	1,213	1,150			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-204	119	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to SA at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail Sales (a)										Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m		
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food & drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000			Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - December	2,646	1,936	2,759	2,826	1,774	2,086	967	1,042	35.2	36.6	10.3	10.9	2,910
January	1,787	1,967							30.1	36.0	8.4	10.4	2,922
February	1,765	1,999							33.6	36.9	9.8	11.2	2,912
March	1,948	1,995							34.9	34.1	10.3	10.7	2,917
April	1,912	2,025							37.1	36.7	11.2	11.1	2,928
May	2,120	2,058							40.3	36.1	12.8	11.2	2,944
June	1,986	2,049	38.1	36.9	13.4	11.8	2,954						
1978-79 - July	1,948	2,077	2,931	3,002	2,096	2,161	1,050	1,099	38.2	37.7	12.2	11.4	2,961
August	2,060	2,094							44.5	40.4	10.9	10.3	2,975
September	2,069	2,125							41.6	43.0	9.8	10.3	2,987
October	2,116	2,149							38.8	39.0	9.9	9.9	n.y.a.
November	2,248	2,137							39.1	37.4	9.9	9.5	n.y.a.
December	2,905	2,194							35.1	38.6	8.6	9.4	n.y.a.
January	2,061	2,207	31.0	35.2	7.7	9.0	n.y.a.						

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: June \$m146, July \$m144, August \$m154, September \$m144.

WAGES, FACTORY OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)														
Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		W. & A. index, adult males (c) 1954 = 100	Factory overtime (b) at larger private factories hours		All groups Original	Food (d) Original	Clothing Original	Housing Original	Household equipment and operation Original	Transportation Original	Tobacco and alcohol Original	Health and personal care (e) Original	Recreation (f) Original
	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.									
1977-78 - December	205.10	213.00	527.9	2.6	2.5	242.7	221.7	259.3	276.9	213.8	243.0	241.9	317.8	114.9
January			528.1	2.1	2.6		222.6							
February			526.0	2.4	2.3		223.6							
March			526.0	2.3	2.1		224.4							
April			515.9	2.3	2.4		227.7							
May	216.30	215.60	515.9	2.4	2.3	247.7	229.0	265.6	281.7	218.3	245.9	242.8	337.3	116.0
June			512.7	2.5	2.6									
1978-79 - July	218.90	220.60	542.7	2.5	2.6	252.5	234.9	269.0	285.2	221.1	251.2	245.3	350.2	117.6
August			542.8	2.4	2.5		236.0							
September			546.2	2.7	2.7		238.8							
October			546.3	2.8	2.7		242.6							
November			546.3	2.7	2.5		244.0							
December	228.90	221.00	567.1	3.0	3.0	258.2	245.3	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5
January			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		250.1							

(a) The composition of the groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Source: Department of Employment and Industrial Relations. Average hours worked in survey week. (c) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in Consumer Price Index bulletins due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes (a)		New capital expenditure by private enterprises				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Materials used in building other than house building		Buildings and structures \$m		Other capital equipment \$m	
												Materials used in house building	Materials used in building other than house building	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - November	554.2	528.4	11.4	10.6	126.5	1,483.0	1,594.5	27.6	29.3	249.8	247.7	554.3	498.4	1,257.1	1,174.1		
December	493.0	535.4	9.9	10.8	129.0	1,464.6	1,488.7	27.5	28.1	251.0	249.4						
January	407.2	512.0	7.8	10.2	101.2					251.9	250.7						
February	434.9	495.1	8.7	9.8	88.1					253.7	251.8	497.8	478.3	1,107.1	1,259.3		
March	500.2	535.3	10.1	10.2	110.7					255.1	252.9						
April	518.9	513.6	10.0	10.0	129.9					1,661.5	1,573.5	30.5	29.7	256.7	254.6	517.1	497.2
May	562.3	482.9	11.1	9.7	113.7	257.6	255.7										
June	585.5	504.7	11.0	9.9	170.9	258.5	257.8										
1978-79 - July	468.6	451.8	9.4	9.3	81.3	1,672.9	1,623.1	29.1	27.6	259.0	258.5	523.3	514.7	1,453.7	1,467.7		
August	573.1	589.9	10.4	9.9	120.1					260.2	259.4						
September	522.8	522.8	9.9	9.9	72.1					260.9	259.9						
October	582.5	545.4	11.1	10.6	105.7					262.0	260.9					658.7	591.9
November	580.2	553.8	11.4	10.6	108.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	25.0	27.0	263.0	262.5						
December	460.1	516.1	9.8	11.1	70.6					264.6	264.4						
January	439.1	531.8	8.1	10.3	104.4					266.9	268.3						

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks – Depositors' Balances (a)		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c)	Housing finance for owner occupation – value of loans approved (d)			Commonwealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			\$m	\$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original				Original	Original		
1977-78 – November	17,103	16,984	17,728	17,794	12,964	13,085	16,003	308	147	100	9.27	416.2	2,195	2,067
December	17,248	17,140	17,860	17,549	12,970	13,153	16,329	210	129	83	9.26	223.7	1,608	2,015
January	17,380	17,325	18,056	17,452	12,857	12,920	16,340	245	122	73	8.99		1,877	2,105
February	17,543	17,451	18,342	17,590	12,869	13,193	16,399	272	136	86	8.83		2,071	2,093
March	17,453	17,551	18,745	17,846	13,159	13,443	16,533	292	134	83	8.83	389.6	1,980	2,119
April	17,409	17,701	18,620	18,147	13,463	13,340	16,668	250	129	93	8.83		3,030	2,127
May	17,650	17,931	17,890	18,061	13,757	13,573	17,037	307	150	95	8.82		3,672	1,982
June	18,046	18,081	17,593	18,296	13,626	13,485	17,066	253	140	83	8.83	2,321	2,007	
1978-79 – July	18,222	18,262	17,636	18,431	13,685	13,533	17,296	256	149	80	8.83	396.9	1,648	2,131
August	18,381	18,361	18,255	18,870	13,962	13,962	17,299	303	170	89	8.79		2,113	2,066
September	18,537	18,395	18,600	19,166	14,116	14,184	17,549	290	164	80	8.79		1,633	2,161
October	18,636	18,417	18,952	19,176	14,516	14,278	n.y.a.	300	177	93	8.69	n.y.a.	1,658	1,958
November	18,677	18,543	19,232	19,189	14,488	14,426	n.y.a.	342	195	105	8.66		2,396	2,241
December	18,870	18,747	19,601	19,335	14,683	14,680	n.y.a.	246	164	79	8.67		n.y.a.	n.y.a.
January	19,056	18,996	20,046	19,312	14,537	14,624	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (\$614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	\$m		\$m		\$m		Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1976-77 - June	20,561	21,369	517	1,121	20,044	20,248	12,462	12,493	3,567	3,443	3,155	3,020	2,184	1,897
1977-78 - September	21,934	21,938	924	1,003	21,010	20,935	12,744	12,869	3,548	3,600	3,154	3,144	1,706	1,854
December	24,061	22,129	1,646	1,016	22,415	21,113	13,966	13,210	3,852	3,688	3,352	3,198	2,007	1,890
March	21,631	22,907	887	997	20,744	21,910	12,953	13,555	3,633	3,887	2,927	3,241	1,758	2,017
June	22,601	23,388	597	1,032	22,004	22,356	14,007	14,040	4,069	3,920	3,637	3,468	2,239	1,945
1978-79 - September	23,937	24,249	972	1,326	22,965	22,923	14,363	14,499	3,988	4,046	3,497	3,497	1,807	1,964
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1976-77 - June	15,325	16,173	403	990	14,922	15,183	9,321	9,312	2,708	2,602	2,316	2,215	1,617	1,399
1977-78 - September	16,445	16,389	807	936	15,638	15,453	9,343	9,424	2,633	2,665	2,271	2,260	1,242	1,354
December	18,053	16,319	1,709	930	16,344	15,409	10,017	9,519	2,793	2,715	2,373	2,273	1,438	1,355
March	15,493	16,483	790	925	14,703	15,558	9,138	9,564	2,633	2,792	2,040	2,253	1,238	1,425
June	15,802	16,652	388	918	15,414	15,734	9,702	9,690	2,894	2,782	2,489	2,373	1,564	1,352
1978-79 - September	16,592	16,799	709	1,078	15,883	15,721	9,730	9,811	2,791	2,825	2,361	2,356	1,249	1,362

AT CURRENT PRICES - continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	\$m		\$m		Companies		Other		\$m		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original
1976-77 - June	3,575	3,597	3,360	3,352	2,486	2,475	3,528	4,455	11,903	11,917	26	17,925	5,138	12,814
1977-78 - September	3,640	3,508	3,440	3,446	2,608	2,606	4,651	4,519	12,215	12,254	418	18,641	2,789	15,670
December	3,362	3,398	3,624	3,544	3,038	2,606	5,676	4,656	12,876	12,336	1,095	19,209	2,922	17,381
March	3,615	3,696	3,277	3,363	2,328	2,797	4,452	4,809	12,246	12,743	418	18,119	3,439	15,098
June	3,801	3,823	3,569	3,558	2,736	2,725	4,168	5,020	12,792	12,871	111	19,737	5,185	14,663
1978-79 - September	3,989	3,844	3,549	3,553	2,902	2,903	5,242	5,365	13,054	13,139	481	19,597	2,787	17,290

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS ('000)

JOB VACANCIES ('000)

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY (C)														UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT RECIPIENTS (E)			
Month	Males		Females		Persons		Labour Force Survey (c)			Registered with CES (d) (for full-time work)	Unemployment benefit recipients (e)	Survey estimates (f)	Registered with CES (d)				
	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total								
1977-78 - November	4,050.4	4,061.0	2,291.9	2,283.8	6,342.2	6,343.7	277.4	69.4	346.8	357.0	238.3	36.4	20.3				
December										404.1	256.2		20.0				
January										445.3	269.9		24.9				
February	4,112.4	4,086.0	2,296.9	2,285.9	6,409.3	6,368.7	395.8	81.3	477.0	431.3	298.5	36.0	22.3				
March	4,087.6		2,320.5		6,408.1		345.7	74.6	420.3	410.0	280.2	36.3	19.5				
April	4,078.5		2,326.4		6,404.9		333.5	67.6	401.1	402.5	283.3		18.6				
May	4,072.6	4,064.3	2,321.4	2,321.7	6,394.0	6,386.4	331.6	63.7	395.3	392.2	272.4	32.2	17.9				
June	4,076.7		2,307.5		6,384.2		330.5	61.8	392.3	393.8	286.1		17.2				
1978-79 - July	4,059.3		2,316.8		6,376.1		325.4	52.6	378.0	393.4	290.7		18.3				
August	4,053.8	4,077.7	2,311.5	2,329.5	6,365.3	6,410.8	332.6	63.1	395.7	388.6	285.4	n.a.	18.1				
September	4,059.0		2,310.5		6,369.6		324.8	59.7	384.5	382.7	284.6		19.2				
October	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,374.1		305.9	61.6	367.5	380.2	279.9		20.7				
November	4,052.4	4,063.2	2,314.6	2,307.4	6,367.0	6,369.5	308.8	60.9	369.7	399.2	278.8	n.a.	19.3				
December	4,165.3		2,373.5		6,538.7		373.8	67.4	441.2	451.5	311.3		18.0				
January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		391.1	55.0	446.2	453.5	341.9		24.9				

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Suspension of seasonally adjusted figures in this series is explained in *The Labour Force, November 1977* (6203.0). (d) Registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service at Friday nearest the end of the month. (e) For reference dates see *The Labour Force* (6203.0). (f) Results of sample surveys of government employees and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS at the last Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1978* (6231.0). As part of the measures necessary to bring the activities of the ABS within the resources available to it, the surveys of job vacancies have been terminated as from May 1978.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)

Month	Total civilian employees '000						Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons			
	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1977-78 - October (c)	2,954.4	2,960.9	1,762.5	1,756.6	4,716.9	4,717.5	3,241.9	3,239.2	1,475.0	1,478.3	1,142.8	1,141.0	967.6	966.0
November	2,959.6	2,963.4	1,770.1	1,760.1	4,729.7	4,723.5	3,251.9	3,240.6	1,477.8	1,482.9	1,144.2	1,141.7	974.4	966.8
December	2,960.5	2,966.3	1,763.5	1,769.3	4,723.7	4,735.6	3,251.9	3,248.1	1,471.8	1,487.5	1,136.3	1,140.7	980.1	970.5
January	2,954.6	2,966.2	1,748.0	1,773.5	4,702.6	4,739.7	3,226.1	3,245.9	1,476.5	1,493.8	1,132.7	1,139.5	964.3	970.1
February	2,962.6	2,961.9	1,767.9	1,766.7	4,724.6	4,728.6	3,233.7	3,238.0	1,490.8	1,490.6	1,138.6	1,137.2	964.7	969.2
March	2,959.6	2,952.4	1,764.3	1,760.6	4,724.0	4,713.0	3,229.5	3,223.7	1,494.4	1,489.3	1,135.6	1,131.0	963.5	965.0
April	2,956.0	2,948.9	1,767.1	1,761.5	4,723.1	4,710.4	3,225.2	3,218.8	1,497.9	1,491.6	1,130.9	1,128.2	964.0	963.3
May	2,951.9	2,940.3	1,768.0	1,763.7	4,719.9	4,704.0	3,221.4	3,214.3	1,498.5	1,489.7	1,127.7	1,125.9	964.2	962.7
June (c)	2,943.8	2,933.9	1,769.6	1,766.9	4,713.4	4,700.8	3,214.9	3,211.3	1,498.5	1,489.5	1,123.6	1,123.1	964.3	964.2
1978-79 - July (c)	2,939.6	2,937.8	1,772.3	1,770.6	4,711.8	4,708.2	3,211.4	3,215.9	1,500.4	1,492.3	1,121.7	1,123.5	961.7	963.7
August	2,935.7	2,939.5	1,772.0	1,772.0	4,707.7	4,711.5	3,208.1	3,215.9	1,499.6	1,495.6	1,119.4	1,121.4	959.8	963.9
September (c)	2,934.9	2,941.4	1,774.5	1,772.1	4,709.4	4,713.5	3,210.9	3,214.8	1,498.5	1,498.7	1,120.2	1,120.3	961.9	964.4
October	2,936.6	2,942.9	1,783.3	1,777.2	4,719.9	4,720.1	3,220.9	3,218.1	1,499.0	1,502.0	1,126.7	1,124.9	967.4	965.8
November	2,946.9	2,951.0	1,795.7	1,786.0	4,742.7	4,737.0	3,242.6	3,231.2	1,500.7	1,505.8	1,131.9	1,129.6	975.8	968.4
December	2,950.3	2,956.9	1,794.3	1,800.5	4,744.6	4,757.4	3,247.6	3,243.9	1,497.0	1,513.5	1,127.3	1,131.7	984.3	974.9

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 population census and other relevant sources. Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1978* (1308.0). (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

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